autoworkers, Patrick Gorman of the meat cutters and Frank Rosenblum of the clothing workers—have quietly organized a dozen trade-union chapters of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The trio, all secretary-treasurers of their unions, plan to call on members of all unions to attend a national antiwar rally which will be addressed by Martin Luther King Jr. and John Kenneth Galbraith.

General Gavin: Seeing for Himself

Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, the World War II paratroop hero and critic of U.S. policy in Vietnam, has been invited by Gen. William Westmoreland to come to Saigon and see the war for himself. Gavin, now board chairman of Arthur D. Little, Inc., and the choice of some moderate Republicans for the 1968 GOP Presidential nomination, hopes to make the trip in late October or early November. Note: Westmoreland carefully cleared the invitation with President Johnson and Defense Secretary McNamara.

Short-Circuiting the Electronic Barrier

The idea of an electronic detection barrier across the neck of Vietnam will probably never get beyond the talking stage. Top Army officials privately express their coolness to a proposed barrier to run 43 miles across the Demilitarized Zone—and perhaps another 100 miles across neighboring Laos. Their main objection: it would take an estimated $3 billion to install the minefields, laser, seismic, acoustic and other anti-infiltration devices—and 250,000 troops to patrol the barrier. Even then, the generals say, "the barrier could be breached and spoofed. The Viet Cong would have the alarm bells ringing all the time."

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Garrison on Trial

Several prominent New Orleans citizens plan to initiate removal proceedings against District Attorney Jim Garrison because of the way he has conducted his investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Recall proceedings won't begin, however, until businessman Clay Shaw has been tried on charges of conspiring in the assassination. Insiders say Garrison now plans to put Shaw on trial in the first week of October.

A Second Chance for the Rat-Control Bill

Congressional insiders confidently predict that the President's rat-control bill will be passed this year after all. The Administration now plans to include the $20 million rat-extermination measure in the omnibus housing bill—expected